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Dear Ms. West,

With respect to the HEROES investigation, our school, like several others, had asked parents to sign an authorization letter permitting the school to endorse the checks. (The checks come five times a year, Sept 16, Dec 1, Jan 31, Mar31 and May 4.) This is unlike private paying parents who pay at the beginning of each month. In September, we were notified that the school could not endorse the checks and we ceased the practice. HEROES provided scholarships for 69 students in September and all of those students were full time students at CCPS in September and were full time students when the November payment was made. The situation is one of endorsement, there was no misappropriation at all.

Additionally, we provide services that other schools do not, which include free afterschool and homework assistance programs, an on-site lunch program for students qualifying for the free and reduced lunch program as well as transportation without extra cost to the parents.

Your assistance is requested in including these comments as well.

Sincerely,
Pastor Norris H. Barr

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